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County Leaders Call for Renewed Focus to Fight COVID-19 Spread

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With coronavirus cases on the rise here, County leaders are emphasizing the need for all residents and businesses to bring a renewed focus to wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and other actions that help limit the spread of the virus.

"We all must do our part to limit the spread of the coronavirus and decrease the number of new cases we are seeing. If you are sick, stay home. If you believe you've been exposed, get tested and limit your interactions with others. And everyone, please, wear a mask, maintain social distancing and wash your hands often," County Commission Chairman Marilyn Kirkpatrick said. "If we fail to limit the spread of the virus our cases will continue to rise, which could force us to roll back some of the openings."

To address issues with the recent reopenings of many businesses, local governments in Southern Nevada have focused on visiting area businesses to ensure they are complying with the governor's directives regarding coronavirus protective measures. Local government officials have visited more than 3,000 local businesses since late June to provide education and guidance for following the new regulations.

"The County's Business License staff have seen increasing compliance from businesses and the public, but we need to be as close to perfect as possible," Chairman Kirkpatrick said. "We are all in this together. Businesses and residents are partners in our effort to keep our community and our economy open."

A focus on reducing transmission of the coronavirus means a renewed emphasis on the actions that prevent people from giving the virus to others, even if the infected person is asymptomatic, and on catching the virus from others.

Recommended actions to limit the spread of the virus include:

- Wear a face covering when in public places and when around people from other households.
- Wash your hands often.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched items such as your cell phone, doorknobs and countertops.
- Maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing between others.

The recent increase in the number of coronavirus cases and hospitalizations began in late June. As of this morning, Clark County has seen 19,654 coronavirus cases, including 836 new cases reported today. Information about the governor's directives, coronavirus testing sites and more can be found on several websites including the County's at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov, the state's at www.NVHealthResponse.NV.gov, and the Southern Nevada Health District at www.SNHD.info.

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